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Resolution 404 (1977)
of 8 February 1977

The Security Council,

Taking note of the letter dated 26 January 1977 from the Chargé d'Affaires, *a.i.*, of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council,⁶⁶

Having heard the statement of the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Benin,⁶⁷

Bearing in mind that all Member States must refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

1. *Affirms* that the territorial integrity and political independence of the People's Republic of Benin must be respected;

2. *Decides* to send a Special Mission composed of three members of the Security Council to the People's Republic of Benin in order to investigate the events of 16 January 1977 at Cotonou and report not later than the end of February 1977;

3. *Decides* that the members of the Special Mission will be appointed after consultations between the President and the members of the Security Council;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Mission with the necessary assistance;

5. *Decides* to remain seized of the question.

Adopted at the 1987th meeting by consensus.

Decisions

In a note dated 10 February 1977,⁶⁸ the President of the Security Council stated, with reference to paragraph 3 of resolution 404 (1977), that, following consultations with the members of the Council, agreement had been reached that the Special Mission to the People's Republic of Benin would be composed of India, the Libyan Arab Republic and Panama and that Ambassador Jorge Enrique Illueca of Panama would serve as Chairman of the Special Mission.

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, document S/12278.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Year*, 1986th meeting.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977*, document S/12286.

In a note dated 23 February 1977,⁶⁹ the President of the Council stated that, on 22 February, he had received a telegram from the Chairman of the Special Mission in which he informed the Council that, in view of the extensive volume of testimony and other material evidence acquired in the course of its investigation, the Special Mission requested an extension of the date of submission of its report until 8 March. The President, after holding consultations with the members of the Council, stated that the members of the Council had agreed to accede to the above request. Accordingly, the date for the submission of the Special Mission's report was extended to 8 March.

At its 2000th meeting, on 6 April 1977, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Botswana, Gabon, Guinea, Morocco, the Niger and Saudi Arabia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Complaint by Benin: report of the Security Council Special Mission to the People's Republic of Benin established under resolution 404 (1977) (S/12294 and Add.1)".⁷⁰

At its 2001st meeting, on 7 April 1977, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Algeria, the Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mauritania, Senegal and Togo to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2002nd meeting, on 12 April 1977, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Somalia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2003rd meeting, on 13 April 1977, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Equatorial Guinea and Mozambique to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2004th meeting, on 14 April 1977, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Mali, Mongolia and the United Republic of Tanzania to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2005th meeting, on 14 April 1977, the Council decided to invite the representative of Upper Volta

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, S/12289.

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Year, Special Supplement No. 3*.